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SUBJECT: NAME OF MILITARY MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA/ARP

1. WE ARE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING INTENDED TO UPDATE THE 1951 AND 1953 SAUDI-US AGREEMENTS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE, SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO SAUDI REIMBURSEMENT FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE SERVICES AND PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF ASSIGNED PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS.

2. AT DEFENSE'S REQUEST, THE CURRENT DRAFT ALSO INCLUDES AN ARTICLE CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE MISSION FROM USMTM TO QTE UNITED STATES JOINT TRAINING ADVISORY GROUP - SAUDI ARABIA UNQTE (USJTAG-SA). WE RECALL FROM YOUR BRIEFING SESSION WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS IN JIDDA ON APRIL 13 THAT YOU FELT THIS CHANGE OF NAME WOULD BE A MISTAKE, BECAUSE IT MIGHT COMPLICATE YOUR TASK OF SELLING THE REIMBURSEMENT CONCEPT TO THE SAG. BEFORE GIVING OUR
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FINAL APPROVAL TO THE DRAFT NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION, WE

WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CURRENT VIEWS ON THE TITLE QUESTION.
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